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Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 21-page patent specification with 25 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-6 on 7 sheets);
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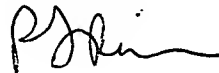
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